

MEXICANS FREED OF CHARGE OF DRAIN MURDER

Owing to a lack of sufficient evidence to hold them for trial, the four Mexicans, Antonio Garcia, Ramon Perez, and Melquiades and Augustin Villapando, charged with murdering John Drain of Seligman were released at a preliminary hearing held before Justice McLane Saturday.

Their dismissal was the direct result of testimony for the defense by H. M. Stark, Smith Beck, and Andrew Miller, three foremen of the Saginaw-Manistee Lumber Co., and J. M. Holub, bookkeeper of the Babbitt-Polson Company, who stated that the four men were working with their companies in Williams about the time of the murder at Seligman.

J. M. Pitts of Seligman was the first witness sworn. He testified as to the finding of the dead body of Drain with head crushed, strangulation marks on the throat and three stab wounds in the back. The body was found a few feet from the entrance to the store, from which place it was alleged the Mexicans took 17 revolvers and about \$50 in cash. A hat worn by the murderer was identified by Pitts, and a gun found in possession of one of the Mexicans was identified as having been one of the revolvers stolen. Other witnesses for the state identified the four men as having been seen in Seligman during the last year.

Night Marshal B. Burns of Williams, testified that all four of the men were known to him because he had frequently arrested them. He said that after finding a gun on A. Villapando which had been taken from the store at Seligman, he swore out a search warrant and went through the house in which the four Mexicans lived. He found a trunk full of miscellaneous goods including jewelry, revolvers and other things, which had been stolen from the store at Seligman. The trunk and its contents were placed in evidence. The Mexicans claim that the articles were purchased from two Americans, whom they do not know.—Journal Miner.

Railroads to Pay Full Value

A bill of much importance to stockmen slipped through Senate during the last minutes of the session. It was the Cumming's bill which prohibits railroad companies from putting an arbitrary value of \$10 on each animal; compelling the shipper to waive any damage in excess of that amount in case of accident.

Under the new law the shipper will be able to collect the actual value of animals killed or injured in transit.

Roadmasters Transferred

W. R. Groshell, who has been roadmaster of this district since the transfer of Chas. Johnson to San Bernardino, has transferred to Fresno, California and Mr. J. A. Rohrer, of the first district has been assigned to take his place by Division Engineer E. E. Ball. Mr. Rohrer was formerly stationed at Dalies.

Mr. Groshell had many warm friends along his special strip of the Santa Fe and was one of the big men physically and mentally on the job.

Falling Rock Injures Man

John Hill, who was footing it through the country, camped along the railroad track about five miles out Sunday night, and while asleep was struck on the head by a falling rock, or one thrown by some one. He did not regain consciousness until Tuesday afternoon, when he walked into town. His head was badly bruised. His legs were burned considerably by the camp fire. He was taken to the county hospital for treatment.

STATE GETS BENEFIT OF FAT INHERITANCE TAX

Phoenix.—Mitt Sims, state treasurer, according to a statement issued from his office, received as an inheritance tax from the estate of the late Chas. C. Hutchison, the northern Arizona sheep man, \$2,693.81. The remittance was made by T. E. Poliock, the administrator of the estate and represents one per cent of the distributed estate less \$5000 exemption allowed all estates. The amount is the second largest sum ever received by the state under the inheritance tax, the largest amount having been paid in the Otero estate in Pima county. The total amount received since the passage of the inheritance tax law amounts to \$10,647.70. Under the law, whenever \$10,000 accumulates in the hands of the state treasurer in this fund, one-half of the same is then turned into the general fund.

Flagstaff Woman's Club Notes

The Civics Department of the Woman's Club is planning for a Children's garden contest to be held during the summer. All arrangements are not yet completed but following are some of the rules that will govern the contest:

Prizes will be given for the best vegetable gardens flower gardens, and vines. A child may enter any or all of these classes. Children between the ages of ten and thirteen years will compete against each other, and those between thirteen and sixteen years will contest in another division.

The vegetable gardens should contain at least 100 square feet, the flower gardens 100 square feet, and there should be at least twelve feet of vines. No limit will be placed upon a larger area.

Children wishing to enter this contest should declare their intention of doing so not later than May first. Pupils of the public school should register with Mr. Richardson, Sisters school children with Father Vabre, and those of the Normal School Training Department with Miss Stemmons.

Further information concerning this contest will be given at a later date.

Library Report March 22-29.

Books loaned 102.

Readers 149.

Cards issued 4.

Sees Natural Beauty of Flagstaff

A resident of New York City writing for copies of The Sun adds:

"My impression of your city are most pleasant, though I was only fortunately able to stop a few minutes enroute to California. I shall always remember the natural beauty of Flagstaff and the vicinity as seen from a Santa Fe car window, while the air was, and is, the finest thing, so to speak, I ever came in contact with."

Yours very truly
Charles Evans."

Hundreds of passengers through Flagstaff have made the same remarks concerning Flagstaff and its surrounding country. As Mr. Evan's letter would indicate, he is a total stranger, but was favorably impressed while just passing through.

Precipitation During February

The U. S. official weather report of the state for February says that 23.9 inches of snow fell during the month, equivalent to 2.38 inches of water. On the mountain 60 inches of snow fell. At Fort Valley 29.7 inches of snow fell equivalent to 2.95 inches of water and a total of 72 inches of snow. At Greer, Apache county, 120.0 inches of snow fell, the largest amount in any section of the state.

NINE MILES OF CEMENT WALK PAVED STREETS FOR FLAGSTAFF

City Council Determined That Street Conditions Must Improve This Year—Improvement Law Gives Them Power.

Nine miles of cement sidewalk now floods the streets in some sections of the city.

The porch walk on the north side of the Weatherford hotel will also be torn down and a cement walk put on grade there.

A special meeting of the city council will be held ten days from the 29th when it is expected that the matter of cement paving for the business district will be finally settled and definite action taken in the matter.

The city council can not be expected to please every one but should be backed up strongly by the majority of the people when they do take action and actually commence bringing about results.

It is a thankless job with many difficult problems to solve, but definite action and results are what count in the end. If this city council starts the work it will never stop even if there are temporary stopping places along the route. As in all such cases the people are proud of results after they are shown, but are apt to procrastinate with their approbation while the work is being done. The rankest kicker will usually walk out in the middle of the street and tell a stranger with great pride as he points it out, "what we did."

If the present city council carries out the program now laid out, they will build a monument to their memory that will be added to by each succeeding council for years to come.

Start now. Let kickers kick and wailers wail—it is the only way anything was ever accomplished.

RENEGADE INDIANS CAPTURED BY SCOTT

Salt Lake, March 24.—General Scott with the Indians surrendered near Bluff, arrived here this afternoon. The Indians turned over to the United States civil authorities are Old Polk, Old Posey, Tse-ne-gat (Everett Hatch), and the son of Old Posey. They were locked up in the county jail with four other members of the tribe who were captured during the first day's fight.

General Scott's new Indian friends from Southern Utah are locked in the Salt Lake county jail tonight and the general and party are resting in a hotel after their arduous trip. The officers and Indians arrived this afternoon and the Indians were taken at once to jail in an automobile. They showed a disposition to inquire the reasons when led to jail, but on the general's assurance it was all right they submitted quietly. All except Tse-ne-gat will probably be released soon.

Flag-Williams Road Washed Out

County Road Superintendent W. H. Power made an inspection trip over the west end of the Flagstaff-Williams road and found a sixty-foot washout about 100 yards west of Davenport lake, where water coming down off the hills had taken the road out completely. The lake is now within 18 inches of the top of the roadway fill with every probability that it will go over the road unless the lake is partly drained at the north edge.

There is an immense amount of water still to come from melting snows on the surrounding hills and it is now pouring in rapidly.

COUNCILMAN FINLEY RETURNS FROM COAST

Councilman S. L. Finley and family returned Tuesday evening from a couple months jaunt on the coast in their auto, including a visit to the Exposition at San Francisco. They came back as far as Ash Fork in their auto and shipped from there home owing to a bad break in the road between here and Williams. Councilman Finley says that it is reported on the coast that at least 40,000 autos will come over this route during the summer months and that it behooves the local good road boosters to get busy and see that our section of the ocean to ocean highway is in good condition to prove to tourists that ours is the only scenic and good road to the coast. It is thousands of boosts for Flagstaff or thousands of knocks against us.

Cattlemen Meet at Williams

The Coconino Cattle Growers Association met yesterday at Williams. It was a regular meeting of the Association. Those who attended from here were: E. H. Crabb president of the association, Forest Supervisor John D. Guthrie, O. L. Hart, Luther Hart, Ed Collins, Jos. Kellam, R. L. Neil, Wm. Rudd, A. G. Dickison, Fred Fynch, Henry See, Harry Enebach, C. J. Babbitt.

Deputy Game Warden Busy

Navajo Charley who was arrested by Deputy State Game Warden Zack Eakins in February for killing a deer out of season and hunting off the Indian reservation near Coconino Point, was fined \$50 by Judge Harrington. He was given two weeks in which to dig up the money, which he did.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FAVORS CALIFORNIA

That the proposed advances in transcontinental passenger rates are glaringly discriminatory in favor of California, and will result in the rates to Arizona being even higher relatively than at present was made known at the office of the corporation commission after the new tariff had been carefully checked. Under the rates published, no advances will be made in the price of tickets to points in California, while an increase of 10 per cent will be applied to all other points in the southwest.

"Passenger rates to Arizona have always been much higher in proportion to the mileage than to California," said Chairman F. A. Jones of the commission, "and under the new rates the difference would be even more discriminatory. The new tariffs would add \$6 to the price of a ticket from Chicago to Phoenix, while from Kansas City an increase of 10 per cent or about \$4 will apply."

The railroad's application to advance rates will come up for hearing at Chicago May 17 before Commissioner Daniels, who is now hearing the freight rate case. The Arizona commission will put up a strenuous fight against the advances and it is expected that the commercial bodies of the state will unite in making strong representations to the Interstate Commerce commission as to the unjust and discriminatory character of the proposed increase.

Reducing Grade on Frisco Street

G. H. Sleater was awarded the contract by the city council Monday to cut down the rocky hill grade on North San Francisco street just north of the court house, for \$500. He commenced the work with a force of men the following day. It will be a great improvement to remove the rocks and cut the grade down to reasonable limits. Rock fences will be built by property owners of a greater part of the stone taken out of the street. Concrete walks will be laid there later.

Improving on South Side

Culverts have been ordered put in by the city council on Milton road and at the intersection of South San Francisco street, which will clean up a great deal of the flood water on the south side this summer. The south side has been building up rapidly and is entitled to street improvements as well as the rest of the city. The city is growing so rapidly in all directions that the city council is put to the extreme limit in taking care of the wants of all sections at the same time.

La Petite Protegee

"La Petite Protégée or the Little Dependent" will be the latest production of the Normal class of '16, which will be produced at the Majestic theatre Tuesday, April 13th. It is a comedy drama in four acts and is guaranteed to be up to the usual standard of the Normal school dramatic artists. The Normal students have a splendid reputation as artists and this production will be no exception to the rule. If you don't come Tuesday night, April 13th, you'll not witness an amusing entertainment.

Tom Rees School Trustee

Tom L. Rees was elected school trustee last Saturday over Edgar Hash for the Flagstaff school district. There was no great contest for the place.

Rees received 67 votes, Edgar Hash 23 votes with 5 votes scattering. Only a total of 95 votes were cast at the election.

NEW CITY RESERVOIR SPRINGS SMALL LEAK

Mr. Geo. C. Millett, the Santa Fe hydraulic engineer, E. E. Ball division engineer and V. C. Proctor of the water service, were in Flagstaff Monday investigating the leak in the bottom of the new city reservoir.

When the reservoir was started a small seep was discovered in the bottom but as work progressed it disappeared and the ground all the way down was dry. Drainage from the adjoining mountain and the abnormal amount of snowfall, started the small spring underneath the cement causing it to burst through the bottom.

The engineers believe the leak will not amount to much and can be remedied by making a drainage tile around the reservoir, thus preventing its sinking underneath.

The repair work and drainage will be done at once and it is hoped that the leak will be successfully done away with.

New General Store Going Up

A new west end general store building is being constructed on the corner of Railroad avenue and Park street by F. E. Brooks, and when completed will be occupied by Brooks & Booker as a general store including a corral for the accommodation of ranchers and out of town people. The new building will be 25x50 feet, frame and one and a half stories high. They will put on a delivery wagon and endeavor to meet the demands of the people in any part of town with a full line of staple goods.

Mr. Booker was a former resident of Prescott and has had years of experience in the mercantile business.

Improvements at Majestic

Beginning Sunday night the Majestic Theatre's new five piece orchestra under the direction of J. J. Costigan will render an excellent musical program nightly.

Extensive improvements are under way and in the future all vaudeville, road and picture shows will be given at the Majestic. Miss M. Costigan will hereafter have charge of the advertising department.

Probably Snowed at Grandview

A letter from P. D. Berry at Grandview, speaking of the weather, says: We have had a fine winter; some little snow, the ground has been almost covered with snow in places—covered a little deeper in other places and still deeper in places quite numerous. The travel this way the last three months hasn't traveled. The roads are good as the snow is protecting them from being worn out. We are expecting spring sometime within the next three or four months.

P. S. I think, however, the roads will be in shape for auto travel by April 15th if the weather stays favorable.

Assist Forester Woolsey Resigns

Theodore S. Woolsey Jr., assistant district forester at Albuquerque, resigned his position on April 1st. Mr. Woolsey was well known here and was one of the best known members of the forest service with a number of technical publications of merit to his credit. It is understood that he will spend the summer at Santa Barbara.

C. P. Heiser Breaks a Leg

C. P. Heiser, salesman for Babbitt Bros. met with an accident while driving near Holbrook last week Friday. The team became fractious and threw him from the buggy breaking one of the small bones of his leg below the knee. The break is not a bad one, but will put him out of commission for a few weeks.